(*e*) The parapet walls on the road from the Big Bridge to the salt bankshall should be repaired and strengthened. This was a subject which had been brought before the Assembly at the 22nd and the 23rd sessions, but nothing was done yet.

(*f*) A pier should be constructed at the Quilon harbour. The goods which had now to come by sea to Quilon had first to be landed at Cochin and then brought by the backwaters to Quilon. This involved much unnecessary expenditure.

The member particularly pointed out that the municipal council was unable to bear the expenditure on account of the above works, and he urged the Government to take them up themselves.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Kutti Asan Kunju Soopi, in regard to the metalling of the roads on either side of the Quilon police station from the tobacco bankshall to Chinakada, Government propose to consult the municipality as to whether they will be prepared to contribute half the cost.

In regard to the construction of a jetty on the lake to the south of the municipal market, can you say which is the lake you are referring to ?

MEMBER : Tamarakulam.

DEWAN : That is a matter which will have to be enquired into first.

As regards repair of the banks of the canal from the Kochupilammudu bridge to the Iron Bridge, that is not a matter which can be taken up bit by bit. It must be taken up as an integral part of the whole improvement of the canal banks.

In regard to the repair of the parapet walls on either side of the canal from Big Bridge to the salt bankshall, the work is actually being done regularly and if there are any further damages since the last repair, they will be attended to from the maintenance grant this year.

As regards construction of a pier, the Government have asked the Chief Engineer, the Principal Port Officer, the Excise Commissioner and the Railway Engineer to examine the possibility and the proper location and Government are awaiting their report.

47. Needs of the Vaikom municipality.

MR. P. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Vaikom*) said that he was glad to know that orders had been issued for widening and deepening the Perumchila todu. His request in regard to this was that the work should be finished before the next monsoon. The Anthakara todu should also be deepened and widened.

In regard to roads, the member said that the Kavarappadi-Muriyankulam road up to the Vaikom-Ettumanur junction and the Valiyanapuzha-Vallakam road should be repaired and made cartable. The roads on the sides of the Puthan todu should also be metalled and made cartable and a bridge should be put up at the eastern end of the *todu*. Next, the following lanes in the town should be widened and made fit for traffic :

(*a*) Kanjirathummoottu lane.
(*b*) Chekkottu lane.
(*c*) the road from Kizhakkekulam to Puthan todu.
(*d*) Kolumadam lane.
(*e*) Marappadi lane.
(*f*) Kalakkal lane.
(*g*) Tengakkaramadam lane.
(*h*) Kalappurakal lane.

Though eight in number the lanes measured in all only about 1½ miles.

The roads in the town which were maintained by the Public Works Department and the Maramath Department should also be widened and metalled.

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DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Balakrishna Pillai, in regard to the widening of the Perumchila todu, the Chief Engineer submitted an estimate for it and it would be sanctioned shortly.

MEMBER: Before this monsoon.

DEWAN: Yes, I hope so.

Then, as regards the Anthakara todu, it was improved only quite recently at a cost of Rs. 1,750.

MEMBER: Nothing has been done at the place.

DEWAN: Then, in regard to the strengthening of the banks of the Puthan todu and putting up a bridge at its extremity, the road on the south bank of the todu is the Vaikom-Vechur road which has now been put into fit condition. The Chief Engineer says that it is necessary to have a cart road on the other bank. He is having that matter examined. But a bridge at its extremity is not necessary, because there are already two bridges within half a mile.

MEMBER: You have to go about 3 furlongs.

DEWAN: Yes, less than half a mile.

As regards the gravelling and levelling of the Kavarapady-Muryankulam road up to the Vaikom-Ettumanur junction, and the widening and metalling of the roads maintained by the P. W. D. and by the Maramat Department and in regard to all the other points (a) to (h), it is not now necessary to take up their improvement as the question of the transfer of minor roads within municipal limits to the municipalities is under consideration now.

MEMBER: The municipality has no funds to take over and maintain roads.

DEWAN: You can get the residents of Vaikom to do that work. You should get the municipality to attend to these matters. The roads under Government maintenance will be maintained in good condition.

48. Irrigation.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Colachel*) said that the eastern part of the Colachel town now marked the terminus of the Colachel branch channel. In the rainy season the surplus water in the channel flowed into the sea and could be of no avail to the people. If, however, this water was stored in a tank, it would irrigate at least 1000 acres of lands. The channel should therefore be extended by two furlongs and a tank should be constructed near the terminus of the channel to store the surplus water in it.

It would also be in the interests of agriculture in the locality to open a road from the Colachel-Parasseri road, 13th mile, 2nd furlong, to the Colachel channel bridge and to widen the banks of the channel, so as to make them fit for cart traffic.

Thirdly, the Colachel bazaar road should be extended to the south and connected with the Colachel-Rajakkamangalam road. This road would be of immense use to the cultivators who had to take manure to the Kariparambu Elai. The cost of the road would be very little.

Fourthly, the construction of the channel sanctioned from Amaravati to Colachel should be taken up at once. The channel had been sanctioned long ago and the people were eager to have it constructed.

Finally the member requested that the officers of the irrigation department should not be constantly transferred from place to place.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, as regards extension of the Colachel branch channel by two furlongs and the construction of a tank at its terminus, the Chief Engineer will explain the situation. There is already a tank in front of the Sub-Registrar's office and if that is improved, extension of the channel as you propose is unnecessary.

Then, in regard to the opening of a road from the Colachel-Parasseri road, 13th mile, to the Colachel channel bridge and widening the banks of the channel, you want two things to be done, *i. e.*, extension of the road as well as widening of the

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